

REMARKS

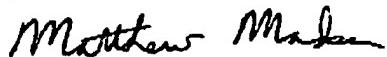
Claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 28, and 29 are amended and claims 2, 18, and 20 are cancelled by this amendment.

Applicant expresses thanks to the Examiner for her efforts and suggestions in the bringing this case to allowance.

Applicant notes that, as requested by the Examiner, the enclosed claimed amendments are based on the claims examined in the final Office action dated March 17, 2004 (the current amendments do not reflect the amendments submitted in Applicant's last Response, filed April 30, 2004).

Should any further information be necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787-1589.

Respectfully submitted,



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